THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Wednesday, the 8th March 1950.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at eleven of the clock, the Deputy Chairman (SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAYUDU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Disposal of a Government Motor Vehicle.

* 14 *Q.*—DR. V. K. JOHN (on behalf of Sri R. Suryanarayana Rao): Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state with reference to the main question No. 59 and the supplementary questions put on 26th November 1949 and subsequently to question No. 70-D answered on 23rd December 1949—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the offer of the firm of Victor S. David and Company for the purchase of the motor vehicle MSC. 4768 was accepted on 22nd September 1949;

(*b*) whether the acceptance was withdrawn on 28th September 1949;

(*c*) what the circumstances are which led to this withdrawal;

(*d*) whether and why the Government decided to accept the offer of the Assistant Secretary, Public Department;

(*e*) whether the vehicle MSC. 4768 was made over to the Assistant Secretary before or after the 28th September 1949;

(*f*) whether the Government have satisfied themselves that the assessment of the value of the vehicle at Rs. 500 while it was later disposed of for Rs. 5,000 is a gross under-estimate;

(*g*) whether the motor vehicle was sold to Mr. A. E. Abraham or his son Mr. Philip Abraham;

(*h*) whether the advertisement for resale of MSC. 4768 was made by the elder or the younger Abraham;

(*i*) whether the resale has been effected at all; and

(*j*) whether such purchase and sale either by the Assistant Secretary or his son is not in contravention of the Government Servants' Conduct Rules?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI (on behalf of the Hon. Chief Minister):—"The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answers given on the floor of the House on 26th November 1949 and 23rd December 1949 for the supplementary questions on the main question of the hon. Member Sri B. Bhima Rao."